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**RESPONSE TO AUGUST 27, 2002 OFFICE ACTION**

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Response to the Office Action dated **August 27, 2002**, Applicant remarks as follows:

**REMARKS**

Claims 5-9 are pending in the application.

Claims 5-9 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,403,429 and U.S. Patent No. 6,300,204.

Regarding the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, the Examiner is respectfully reminded that as the MPEP states, 35 U.S.C. §121 authorizes the Commissioner to restrict the claims in a patent application to a single invention and prohibits the use of a patent issuing on an application with respect to which a requirement for restriction has been made, or on an application filed as a result of such a requirement, as a reference against any divisional application, if the divisional